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Belleville planners send library plans back to the drawing board

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The Belleville Planning Commission was not in favor of the newly proposed cuts to the plans of the Belleville Area District Library to save money.

After more than 90 minutes of discussion at its regular meeting on Jan. 11, the commission advised the library representatives that while they were sympathetic to their need to cut costs from their construction budget, the proposed cuts won't work.

Architect Dan Whisler said the library is \$450,000 over budget and the rooftop screening being required is purely aesthetic and of little benefit to the users of the building. He said cutting the screening could save \$70,000.

He said cutting the transformer screen on Roys Street would save \$20,000 and if it's not there it's not the end of the world. Also, the dumpster enclosure was going to be clad in brick and now they will use some brick and decorative block instead to save some dollars.

"There are options, a few options," said commission chairman Steve Jones, noting Whisler is stating it's \$70,000 or nothing. "You have a few options."

"I'm not sure what this meeting is all about," said vice-chairman Mike Hawkins. "We have no drawings ... The only option you have is the \$70,000 option is the way your presenting this."

"We don't have enough information to give a variance," Jones agreed.

Commissioner Henry Kurczewski said when they presented the proposed plans last fall they said it would be a meeting place for the tri-community. Buildings in Belleville have to cover their roof equipment.

He said what Whisler is saying now is counter productive to what he said when he last was before the commission.

"We're talking about visual effect for 50

years," he said.

"You're absolutely right," Whisler said. "I have to hold my nose to ask you ... If this is not acceptable, we'll have to reduce the cost caused by \$400,000 in poor soils on the site. We never got over that."

"I completely agree this will be here 50 to 100 years ... with the roof a landing zone for the birds," Whisler said.

He said at one point they were \$1.8 million over budget and they reduced that by taking out the 2,500-square-foot basement planned and making other cuts.

But now they are back to a \$400,000-\$450,000 gap. He said they will identify alternatives to manage the costs when the bids come in.

Whisler said he showed the commission drawings in September.

Jones said they did get preliminary drawings, but Whistler said it wasn't set in stone, that it was a design in process.

"It's disingenuous of you to refer back to this," Jones said, pointing to the old drawings. "We think this should be screened. We have nothing to vary."

Hawkins said at this point in their project the commission has just three things to give to them: informal advice, a variance, or change the ordinance. That's all they can do or they get in trouble, he said.

Whisler said in his 30 years as an architect, he's never encountered needing 100% construction drawings at this point. He said Building Official Rick Rutherford suggested this meeting.

Rutherford said that was because he doesn't have the authority to throw the city's ordinance out like they wanted him to do.

Jones said the site plan approval the library received didn't deal with the details of the building.

Rutherford said as long as they met local ordinances they were OK.

Commissioner Kelly Bates said, "I kinda" *(continued on page 3)*



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Lori and Chris DeMond, center, and their son James, at left, presented a \$40,000 check to the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission at the Jan. 9 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. The money is to fix up the fairgrounds and came from the estate of the late Alan Bates, who served as township trustee and treasurer and gave a lot of attention to the township parks. Accepting the check is Parks and Recreation chairman Kim Toms. Lori DeMond is executor of the estate.

Keystone Academy serving 30 more students than expected

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

"We have 30 more seats filled than approved of," said Keystone Academy school board president Vesta Losen at the board's regular meeting Jan. 11.

Losen referred to the report that the school has 768 official offered seats, but has 798 students.

Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey explained that it's no more than two students per classroom over which isn't difficult for the classroom teacher.

She said the usual "erosion" planned for didn't occur. Erosion refers to the students who are accepted and then don't show up on the first day of school.

Extra students are allowed because of the expected erosion but when that didn't happen, they were left with extra students.

And, they didn't have a lot of families leaving, which they often do.

This year two sisters came into the fifth grade and left in the fifth grade. Their family said Keystone was too structured,

with too many rules.

"That's OK. We're not for everybody," Godfrey said.

There are 118 students on the waiting list.

Godfrey said last year the school had 29.4% of the students at free and reduced lunch and this year it's 37%.

"I love the diversity in the school," Godfrey said, noting it has a growing Romanian population and a Polish population.

The board approved 768 as the number of seats to be offered in 2018-19.

In other business at the Jan. 11 meeting, the board:

- Approved naming Plante Moran for its 2017-18 audit;

- Tabled action on attendance at the 2018 National Charter Schools Conference in Austin, TX;

- Took no action on the reappointment of Carol Manley to serve an additional board term, since Manley has submitted a letter asking not to be reappointed as a parent

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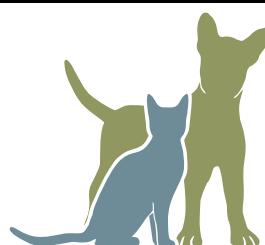
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Belleville Plan

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feel we're swirling around the drain."

Library Building Committee Chairwoman Joy Cichewicz suggested the commission offer an informal opinion on the suggestions.

Commissioner John Juriga, who also serves as an elected member of the library board, said he wanted to stay quiet because of involvement on both sides.

He said architect Whisler has much experience and built 30 libraries with over \$200 million in budgets.

"Almost every municipality requires rooftop screening," Jones said.

"You're correct," Whisler replied. "Almost all ordinances require this and to omit it from the plans needs formal approval from the planning commission."

"This one's hard to get around," Jones said.

"You have to save money somewhere," Whisler said.

Commissioner Matthew Wagner offered some options for the rooftop screening and Whisler said he thinks they have included the least expensive material.

"I'm trying to find alternatives, such as door screening, but we don't want it to look like a poor man's library," Wagner said.

"We don't have all the good ideas," Whisler said, encouraging ideas from others. "It needs to be screened from view ... We don't have the liberty of being partially veiled. If it has to be there, it has to be there and we'll march forward."

Commissioner Mike Renaud said they could use a chain-link fence with vinyl on the dumpster and greenery on Roys Street.

"You have to remember, we're building this for the tri-community," Renaud said, suggesting a less fancy or ornate entryway. It would be a "less pretty building" if they did that. He said the high school got away without rooftop screening because the city had no say in the construction.

"We don't want to be little Belleville who went along with no screening," Renaud said. "I haven't heard one valid argument why that item should be dropped."

Library board chairwoman Sharon Peters explained that they were coming to the city now because it's the financial time and they need to know how much load they need for the roof plans.

"I'm not sure this is a negotiable item to be taken away," Jones said. "This would be a huge exception ... Most require the screening ... and I'm hesitant to take that away."

"That's why we're here," said construction manager Matt Razow of O'Neal Construction.

Hawkins said the planning commission has no control over the building code and this meeting is confusing to him.

Rutherford said he told them to bring it up now.

"They were aware of the ordinance," Rutherford said.

When asked by Commissioner Bates how high the library would be, Whisler said it was 34 feet to the top of the parapet and the two-story homes along Charles Street were 18 feet tall.

Bates said she would like the commission to take into consideration that this is a local group doing the construction.

"We have ordinances we have to follow. Sorry, Kelly," Renaud said.

"We have to be defensive for the people in the library district," said Commissioner Kurczewski. "We're the smallest cog in the 72-square-mile district."

"We're all in this together, trying to find our way" Whisler said. "We heard you loud and clear on the roof and the options to screen the dumpster and transformer."

Then Brian Barrick of Beckett and Raeder proposed reducing the size of the storm water management underground detention because this was a special site less than 300 feet from Belleville Lake.

He said Belleville Lake is an impoundment of the Huron River and a giant detention pond.

"The quantity treatment is less important. More important is the quality treatment," Barrick said, asking the commission to consider reducing the quantity of water they're storing. They have a large vegetative swale and mechanical treatment. He asked for a variance to reduce the quantity.

Rutherford was irritated at this request, saying when they had the meeting at a city level this was not mentioned at the meeting. He said without the city engineer present it shouldn't be discussed.

"I don't think storm water management should come to the planning commission," Rutherford stated. "Engineers should discuss this. This is not the appropriate place, not without our engineer here."

"This does not fall under the zoning ordinance," Jones agreed, directing the library to bring back amendments approved by the engineer.

Barrick said Hennessey Engineers, the city's consultant, said what there is, is what's in the ordinance. He said the committee is open to discussing alternatives.

Rutherford replied, "With all due respect, that's not for the planning commission to decide."

Jones mentioned a parking lot that has a lake in front of a business.

"I'm very reluctant to go there and possibly have a failed system," Jones said. "I don't want to have people say it's a swimming pool when they go to the library."

Barrick said the proposal would be below Wayne County rules.

Rutherford insisted they not present details here because it is not proper for the

planning commission.

"I asked you guys to write a letter with everything you wanted and this wasn't in the letter," Rutherford said.

"The city engineer was reluctant to do anything less than county standards," Whisler said. He said they are increasing the imperviousness of the site by 1,600 square feet. "Can we reduce the storage component?"

He said during construction they have to dig 10 feet deep, 10 feet from the present library.

Razow said there are constructability problems and the dig would interfere with the handicap access to the present library.

"If you convince the engineers, this would work," Hawkins said.

"We won't go against our engineers," Jones agreed.

Razow asked for permission to meet with the engineers and an exasperated Rutherford told him that he has Rutherford's email to set up meetings.

Commissioner Juriga spoke up again, this time saying the Mayor of Belleville wrote the Wayne County standards when she worked for the county.

"We have to follow the Wayne County standards," Jones said.

Whisler said they could make some allowances.

In a loud voice, Juriga stated, "Belleville's got its own personality because it's got the lake!"

Barrick stated, "It's so close to the water body. If near the water body, it makes sense to move the water through."

"Have a meeting and see what they say," Renaud said. "If it meets Wayne County standards..."

Rutherford said they could do their construction steps in a different order if it undermines the footings. It's something they could sit down and talk about.

Hawkins asked who said the city has to follow the Wayne County standards?

Rutherford said it was the engineer and partially himself

"We take the recommendation of our engineers on the standards," Rutherford said.

At the beginning of the meeting there was a heated discussion and at the end of the meeting Razow said, "Maybe we misunderstood the process. We apologize if we have it out of order ... We're not trying to pull something over on anybody."

"We all agreed we want this project to go ... But we have our responsibilities," Jones said.

"That's the answer we wanted to hear," Razow said.

"There are standards," Renaud emphasized.

"I think there's been some confusion," Hawkins said.

"We need more interaction with the city," Razow said and Jones said Rutherford is on line to help with that.

"He's been very good with us," Jones said of Rutherford, who brings subjects to the planners regularly as needed.

"Thank you for hearing us," Razow said, and the library representatives left the meeting.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

The McDonald's on Rawsonville Road held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 11. In the photo are McDonald executives Karl Brady, Operations Manager; Rae-Ann Jaroma, Area Supervisor; Rick Landreville, General Manager; and store employees Kym Facto and Lashondre Potter. Chamber of Commerce members Judge David Parrot, Gary Marshall, and Van Buren Township Trustee Kevin Martin also are pictured. The event featured a sample of McDonald's food, drinks and a tour of the state-of-the-art renovations, including a kiosk ordering system and a new play area.

OPINIONS

Editorial

BHS robotics competition should bring 1,000 to town

The week end of March 23 and 24 is going to be a big deal in Belleville, with an expected 1,000 people coming to a big robotics competition.

The Belleville High School robotics club is just in its second year, but it is hosting the only competition in Wayne and Oakland counties this year. At least 40 clubs are expected to attend. Last year BHS had about nine students in the club. This year there are more than 20 students, nine mentors, and two teachers.

The club is about 70% of the way to earning the \$40,000 it needs to build an industrial-sized, 200-pound robot for the competition, said Bradley Williams, who told the Belleville City Council about the plans at Tuesday's meeting.

Bradley, a BHS senior, is the marketing leader for the group, but he said it's the other members who build the robot from the ground up. Besides donations of cash, the club is seeking scraps of metal and other in-kind donations.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman offered an old police car, in jest, and Fire Chief Brian Loranger offered a fire engine.

Bradley said a website is being made and brochures and business cards will promote the event. The Belleville team won two state awards in its first year and is aiming for the top in 2018.

Our whole community should support the team and come out to the competition at BHS in March. Should be fun.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Jacqueline Dalzell, a grief counselor at Brown Family Center in Belleville, said with the tragedy of the little girl in Sumpter, she wanted people to know a grief-support group was starting up. She sent a short story about the program, which we are printing on page nine. She said grief is everywhere in our world and talking helps so much.

Jeff Stabnau said the big piles of soil along the waterfront near the bridge in Belleville is the first step in construction of some new condominiums on North Liberty Street. He said people will be able to see walls going up soon.

We had a story in last week's paper about the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education discussing what to do about the old Vo-Tech Center at 420 Sumpter Road. On Saturday, just after 11 a.m., I heard some conversations on the police scanner about the property. Pipes were leaking and reportedly a lot of water was gushing out in what they referred to as "B and C buildings." What to do? Call Steve Jones, who they referred to as building manager. I saw a police car and white van over at the property shortly thereafter when I was travelling down Sumpter Road. I'm sure it was taken care of.

Later that day, Steve Jones was honored for his volunteer work in the community by an award from the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Busy day for Steve.

One of our readers commented to me that maybe this frozen pipe problem will help the school board decide what to do with that property.



On Sunday, at about 12:30 p.m., a brown cow with a blue tag was reported in Harbour Pointe subdivision. It was in the area of Harbour Point Ct. and Belle Cove Ct. A police officer sighted it at the end of Belle Cove Ct., about 25 yards into the woods. He reported it was heading east along the pipeline. Then it was heading for the railroad tracks behind the high school.

The last report said they talked to someone who might be the owner, but he said he didn't know if he had any livestock missing. Hope they found her owner.

Some of our longtime readers may remember the brown cow who escaped from a farm near the Sumpter Township Fire Station and then gave birth to a spotted calf. The two of them wandered all over Sumpter and Van Buren townships, even seen drinking in Belleville Lake, and we had cow spottings called into us regularly. Eventually they were captured in a barn on Bemis Road.

At one point a posse was being planned to shoot them since people were complaining about crop damage.

I've been informed that O'Reilly's has redone its flags at the store on Belleville Road and now the American flag is flying high above all the other flags. The veterans are very happy that O'Reilly's listened to their concerns. They salute O'Reilly's.

Gary Marshall of VBT was driving home after the Lions Club meeting at Wayne County Community College at about 8:08 p.m. Tuesday. He and another club member were heading home on Tyler going to Belleville Road when the sky lit up to the west and then the loud boom sounded. He thought something happened at Willow Run Airport, but it turned out to be that meteor that was reported from Chicago to Detroit.

On page 13 of today's paper is a letter from Jim and Joanne Posegay in support of the *Independent*. They were responding to a long, confusing criticism of our coverage of the Nelson Po case by Sumpter's township attorney at a recent meeting. We appreciate their support.

I've heard talk of "decertifying" the city of Belleville and returning it to village status so it can be combined with Van Buren Township. I guess that would work if the city wanted to do that.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman reported at Tuesday's city council meeting that a resident had a raccoon in his house and Maced himself instead of the raccoon.



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Letters

Supervisor McNamara explains agreement

To the editor:

There seems to be confusion and misunderstanding in the various social media platforms as it relates to the most recent Agreement with Waste Management. Contrary to what some residents may believe to be true, I will reiterate again the benefits Van Buren will continue to receive:

- "Free" residential garbage collection for an estimated 5-1/2 years. After that time, residential pick-up will cost about \$12 to \$13 per month. This is for the 2/3rds of our residents that currently are still receiving this benefit. The Board of Trustees will be evaluating the best method to do this at a later date.

- "Free" residential disposal will continue for the life of the new landfill. This means that when we do have to pay for picking up our garbage, whichever company we contract to do this work will not have to pay Waste Management to dump that garbage (and yard waste) at the landfill.

- "Free" landfill passes to all households of Van Buren Township. This means that as a Van Buren Township resident you have the option to utilize the Woodland Meadows Landfill to dispose of large quantities of trash or remodeling materials that cannot be picked-up at curbside.

- Continuation of "guaranteed monetary considerations" to Van Buren Township. This is significant as it is about 30% of our operating revenue and would require a 4.5 mill tax increase to sustain our current operations. It maintains Van Buren's status as the second-lowest taxed community in Wayne County.

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Waste Management: The truth hurts

To the editor:

Mr. Marshall's headline last week read "Waste Management too big for VBT to fight." To quote Mr. Marshall, "Waste Management is a viable international garbage disposal ... business that has revenues of 3.72 billion dollars" and it

would not be feasible for VBT to do any real negotiating or place any demands on this huge corporation. Keep in mind that WM had presented VBT with their final offer of 8 million dollars upfront, but eliminated FREE garbage pickup for the residents which they have provided for 20 years, pushing 1.5 million a year onto the taxpayers for the next 40 years."

Perhaps Mr. Marshall needs a lesson in Democracy and how we won the freedoms we enjoy today. I believe Mr. Marshall has stated publicly that he was a member and Union Representative for the Communication Workers of America which has a long history since the 1940s of battles with huge corporations like AT&T for better health benefits and higher wages. The UAW's Walter Reuther and the Teamsters' Jimmy Hoffa led their unions and made it possible for many to enjoy a better standard of living.

Minority Leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. didn't let Corporate America stop people from getting their civil rights. In a Democracy, Citizens and Workers stand up, ask questions, and attempt to get a bigger piece of the pie and improve their quality of life. VBT did that in 1994 when the Landfill started and we negotiated free garbage pickup for our residents from big Corporate Waste Management. Corporations just don't hand it over to you, they will protect their profits and bottom line always.

It's a NEW DAY in VBT politics. SOME board members take the time to gather information from a variety of sources including the citizens they represent. Board Members then bring their conclusions to the table to discuss openly and in a transparent way. It's unfortunate that SOME think we should just sit there and follow the lead and not ask questions. I think Mr. Marshall dismisses citizens' comments or the need for input since he regularly socializes with one particular full-time elected official.

Does Mr. Marshall really think that VBT citizens had been properly informed? The vote and discussion on Waste Management was held on Dec. 19, just six days before Christmas (probably not the ideal time to truly get citizen input or make the community UNDERSTAND why it is unfortunate), but like it or not we have a landfill that funds about 30% of our budget for such important services as funding part of our Public Safety budget and Long Term Debt. So while not ideal, it probably was NECESSARY to pass the 5th Amendment to the Landfill Agreement.

That being said, I think the way we do business needs to change. We need to gain trust, listen to input, and get citizens involved. While we commend the Supervisor and staff for securing needed information to assist Board members on this important issue with such long-lasting effects on our community. It should also be noted that an effort was made to inform the citizens and keep the Supervisor's door open, even though it was during business hours when most residents are working. There was still something lacking. There

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were no Public Hearings held on an issue that would impact the citizens' pocket books and quality of life for 40 years. Don't we have a responsibility to get the information out there and share why this decision is necessary? No wonder people don't trust their elected officials, but Mr. Marshall would have us rush through a vote six days before Christmas which is the busiest time of year for our residents. He doesn't realize it's about more than MONEY. It's about how you conduct business in a transparent way. Trustees Frazier, Miller, and White wanted to get more input from the citizens and give more time to make them understand why this tough decision would be necessary and how it would impact them. There were lots of questions from the citizens who showed up for the final meeting and Waste Management was first on the Board agenda on Dec. 19. Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Leon Wright, Trustee Kevin Martin accused members who had more questions and requested that we postpone the vote of not being able to make the tough calls.

Well, the tough calls are bringing transparency to the table and letting the citizens who pay the bills an opportunity to be heard and informed on the issues that will affect them. Mr. Marshall states that the figure the residents would be paying for garbage pickup is \$12 a month. Excuse me, but what he doesn't tell you is that figure is a speculation, a projection of what it could be. I did not see a contract with WM committing them to \$12 a month. Mr. Marshall cannot say what the figure will be for sure, when it comes due, and that is cause for concern.

As a Board member I felt Waste Management wasn't going anywhere; they have millions invested in VBT. To garner support, the Supervisor kept reminding us that VBT enjoys low taxes because of WM's Landfill. But the revelation he made about VBT Budget being out of control and that VBT would be in receivership by 2019 if "we didn't get our house in order" was a first. This is the first time anyone at the Board table had ever heard that. So I called former Board member Phil Hart, a former Board Member who helped negotiate the agreement for the previous Board. He verified that the previous Board had also never heard that one before. We were also told VBT would not need to raise taxes for 30+ years and the Waste Management deal made VBT as solid as the "Rock of Gibraltar." These are the same grandstanding techniques used by Mr. Marshall in his grandiose figures on how we are lucky to have another 200-acre landfill expansion.

A citizen came to the podium and brought to light that Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, and Clerk Wright had

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Obituaries



Lois Virginia Cobb

LOIS VIRGINIA COBB

(August 20, 1929 - January 11, 2018)

Lois Virginia Cobb, age 88, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Season's Hospice, Wyandotte, MI. She was born August 20, 1929, in Gorgas, Alabama, daughter of Eddie Cleveland & Birdie Florence (Minor) Warren.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Vance H. Cobb; six children Patricia Ann (Thomas) Cheatham of Tennessee, Kenneth (Patti) Cobb of Rockwood, MI, Rebecca (Kirk) Mullen of Belleville, MI, Randy Lee (Pamela) Cobb of Jonesville, MI, Rita (Joseph) Gratoski of Newport, MI and Timothy (Dawn) Cobb of Ypsilanti, MI; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; a sister Margie Gurganus of Coleman, AL, a brother Charles (Juquita) Warren of Kentucky; also numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters Mae, Helen, Christine and Faye, also three brothers Clifford, James and Daniel. Mrs. Cobb was a devoted wife of a minister for over 65 years. She was the best wife, and mother, and was a terrific hostess. She enjoyed having friends and family over for barbecues, bonfires and Halloween parties. She loved quilting, sewing, cooking and tending to her flowers. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday with a Funeral Service Monday, January 15, 2018 at 11 a.m. in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Minister Leonard J. White officiated. Interment followed in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ridge Road Church of Christ or Alzheimer's Association. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Gregory Stephen Owens

GREGORY STEPHEN OWENS

(December 15, 1948 - January 10, 2018)

Gregory Stephen Owens, age 69, and long-time resident of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away early morning on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Gregory is the beloved husband of Carmen (Hernandez) Owens for twenty-four cherished years; dear son of Edra Owens of Virginia; loving father of Christina Owens of Virginia, Linda McIntyre, and Jeremy (Hien) Owens of California. He was stepfather to Courtney Mandich. Mr. Owens is also the proud grandfather of Stephen (Tina) Owens, Michelle Polski, Skyler Pfeiffer, and Sterling Pfeiffer. He was step-grandfather to Elijah Mandich, Eleni Reid, Julien Davis and Ana Mandich; great-grandfather to Mila Owens; cherished brother to Carl (Pat) Owens of Florida and Beth (Rick) Mackey of Virginia, and brother-in-law to Debbie Owens. He is also survived by many extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his father, E. Cecil (d. 2001), twin brothers Elmer Wayne and Delmar Fayne, and a younger brother Paul Owens.

Mr. Owens was born in Haysi, Virginia on December 15, 1948. He was a long-time employee of the General Motors Corporation, retiring in 1999. During his time with GM, he was an active participant in labor negotiations with the UAW. Gregory was also a nationally known boxing trainer (*he worked with many well known boxers, including James Toney and Booker T. Word*). He also had a passion for hunting and gardening. He will be missed.

A funeral service honoring Mr. Owens' life was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2018 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville (734) 697-4500.

The Owens family greeted guests from 9:30 a.m. until to the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the American Cancer Society. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Obituaries



Paula Ann Miller

PAULA ANN MILLER

(September 27, 1928 - January 15, 2018)

Paula Ann (Way) Miller, 89, passed away Monday, January 15, in Toledo, Ohio. Her son, David, and his wife, Karen were at her side. Paula battled the effects of Alzheimer's disease for 14 years.

A lifelong Michigander, Paula was born on September 27, 1928 in Grand Rapids, MI. She was the oldest of seven children born to Paul and Marion (Mehrtens) Way.

Paula graduated from Brooklyn High School in June 1946. On September 3, 1949 she married her true love, Albert J. Miller. They were together for 52 years.

Before her marriage Paula volunteered in Foote Memorial as a nurses' aide in Jackson and worked as a "soda-jerk" at The Spot in Brooklyn.

For many years she was a stay-at-home mom to their two sons, Dave and Marty. She clerked in downtown Belleville at Young's Market. After that she earned her Cosmetology License at Virginia Farrell School of Beauty in Wayne, MI in 1976. The following year she earned her state of Michigan teaching Certificate for Cosmetology at Virginia Farrell and instructed Wayne HS vocational students until 1986. Paula continued as a stylist at Nancy's Nails with her dear friend Nancy Shepherd while also volunteering and cutting hair at Glacier Hills Care and Rehabilitation Center in Ann Arbor.

The family enjoyed annual summer vacations to the Traverse City area of Northern Michigan.

Her only plane flight was to Fairbanks, Alaska, to view Mt. Denali and the fantastic countryside by motorhome with her family. Paula's hobbies and interests included: power-walking our Belleville neighborhood and downtown to the Bridge; she loved gardening, feeding the birds (especially cardinals and hummingbirds), reading books, newspapers, and the Bible daily, completing crosswords and word searches. Paula's calligraphy and Palmer penmanship skills were very special. She was always active with archery, bird-watching, bowling, golfing, hiking, and tap-dancing. She was an exceptional cook and housekeeper who loved spending time in the kitchen. One of the joys of her life was rescuing her little "four-footed" friend, Holly.

Paula and her husband were active members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville for many years. Both Al and Paula thoroughly enjoyed ushering at University of Michigan basketball games.

Paula is survived by her two sons, David (Karen) Miller of Lambertville, MI and Martin (Merrilee Weaver) Miller of Fairbanks, AK; sisister, Lenore Stoddard and twin brothers David (Patricia) Way and Daniel (Theresa) Way; sister-in-law Joyce Way and brother-in-law Donald Wetzel. Special people in her life were her neighbors Chris and Gale Folks, their children and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Albert Miller; brothers, James (Jeanette) Way, Lewis Way and sister Marilyn (Diane) Wetzel.

Visitation will take place on Friday, January 19,

from 2 to 8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. The funeral service will follow the next morning on January 20, beginning at 11 a.m., with visitation from one hour prior from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Paula's wishes were to be cremated and placed next to her husband in Highland Cemetery, 11735 Monroe Pike Road, Brooklyn, MI.

Contributions and expressions of sympathy may be directed to Parkcliff Memory Care Community in Toledo, OH, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, and the Alzheimer's Association. Paula's family wishes to thank Parkcliff Memory Care Community staff for their love, tenderness and compassion during her six years of care.



Charles "Toby" Leis

CHARLES ALBERT LEIS

(February 22, 1947 - January 15, 2018)

Charles Albert Leis, know by his family and friends as Toby Leis, was born February 22, 1947 and passed away at the age of 70 late in the afternoon on January 15, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Toby was born and raised in Flint, MI. Then, approximately 35 years ago, he moved to Belleville where he started his plumbing company called C.A.L. Plumbing.

He was active in the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township communities, serving as chairman of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, working with the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue construction, and providing untold quantities of cotton candy for the VBT Public Safety Day celebrations.

He is survived by his three adopted sons, Terry Helper, Ricky Jaime, and Jeremy Gray. Through his plumbing business Toby touched so many lives. Although he often struggled financially, that never stopped him from doing plumbing repairs for the elderly free of charge, or buying a homeless person a hot meal.

Toby has touched so many lives and given so many of us a jump start in the plumbing trade. He was a father to some and friend to all. We love you, Toby.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, January 19, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4434, at 44170 Bemis Road, Van Buren Township. The Rev. Robert White will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated. Donations may be sent to Gray's Plumbing, 14297 Sheldon Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

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Gabrielle Renea Barrett

GABRIELLE RENEA BARRETT

(July 3, 2013 - January 1, 2018)

Gabrielle Renea Barrett, age 4, died Jan. 1, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was born to Candice Mullins-Diaz and Kyle Barrett on July 3, 2013 in Dearborn, and her parents survive her.

She is also survived by her half-sister Zoez Diaz; grandparents Deborah Barrett, Jerry Barrett, Michale Blett, and Cindy Diaz; great-grandparents Joseph West, Phyllis West, Jerry Barrett, Nancy Barrett, Paul Ouellette, and Mary Ouellette; aunts and uncles Ashley Barrette, Michael (Sarah) Walker, Stephanie (Wesley) Barrett, Jerry Barrett III, Leah Ouellette-Barrett, Roina Diaz, and Bobbie Conley.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Carol Maciag.

Visitation was Saturday from 2 to 9 p.m. at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, with the funeral service at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 14, 2018. The rites of cremation will be accorded.

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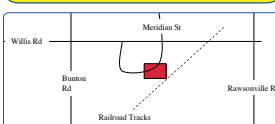
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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The September Days Senior Center on Tyler Road features free concerts every Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 5 p.m. This Sunday features the Kentucky Travelers-Wayne Friar and Jan. 28 will feature Jay

Frandsen & Saxophone. For a list of performances in February and March, see their ad in today's paper. For info, call music coordinator Jimmy Baleja at (734) 223-4824.

Puro Spa is opening next month at the Puro Wellness Center at 533 Main Street in downtown Belleville. Services include facials, manicures, pedicures, hair removal, mud body wraps, salt scrub massage and general massage and organic spray tan.

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The public is invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house of the new Coldwell Banker Professionals at 309 Main Street on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 3 to 7 p.m.

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Winter Toddler Story Times for children ages 2-4 have begun at the Belleville Area District Library. Parents are asked to register for the story times at the library's circulation desk.

Story times began this week and are at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays through Feb. 27 and at 11 a.m. on Thursdays through March 1.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Birthdays

Jan. 18 -- Toni Bennett
Jan. 20 -- Ernesto Guzman
Jan. 21 -- Kathy Kovach, Lisa Posegay
Jan. 22 -- Scott Russell

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More Letters

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taken campaign election contributions for themselves from Waste Management totaling \$3,250. A reply from fellow board members who did not take contributions

was offered. They reminded Budd and Wright that while no one was accusing them of doing anything wrong, it was not a good decision to accept money from Waste Management since we would be voting on their contract. They were well aware, that same issue had been brought up in 2016 also. Let us not forget the recent Rizzo Waste Corruption Case Contract where 12

elected officials in Macomb County are accused of taking political favors.

After the vote we received our regular weekly email criticism and grandstanding from Mr. Marshall telling us how embarrassing we three trustees are and how dare us stand up and ask such ridiculous questions and want transparency. In his email he demanded the three trustees apologize to Treasurer Budd who he holds in high regard, as do we. Mr. Marshall should review the meeting. Trustee Miller in a calm and professional manner pointed out that she did not agree with Budd's assessment of not knowing who made contributions to her campaign. Believe me, elected officials know every contribution they receive. So the three elected officials who took campaign contributions while in contract negotiations made a really poor decision and Mr. Marshall should have pointed out they didn't use common sense. I think those three should apologize to the community for using poor judgment, especially when scandal has been prevalent in Wayne (Jail, Land Bank) and Macomb (Waste Removal) counties.

I continue to encourage VBT citizens to get involved, make their voices heard, and

help the Board continue to make Van Buren Township an outstanding community to live and conduct business in.

Sherry Frazier
Van Buren Township Trustee

Independent: Our experiences and opinions

To the editor:

We attended the Sumpter Township board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9. There were a lot of very strong accusations brought up about Rosemary Otzman and the Belleville Independent. As we do not know all the facts or totally understand the accusations presented, we cannot comment or give an opinion about that.

However, knowing Rosemary for many years and being familiar with the Independent, we do wish to say that in all fairness, it should not be disregarded that she has been there for us at almost every event, taken pictures, and printed articles for the various departments of Sumpter Township. We all know Thursday is Get Your Independent Day.

Our own experience with the way she has supported the many events that we were personally involved with in the community have been handled satisfactorily in a friendly, accurate, and professional manner.

Putting aside all of the above-mentioned accusations presented at the meeting regardless of content, we repeat that this article is with reference only to our experiences and opinions.

We want to say in appreciation, thank you, Rosemary and staff.

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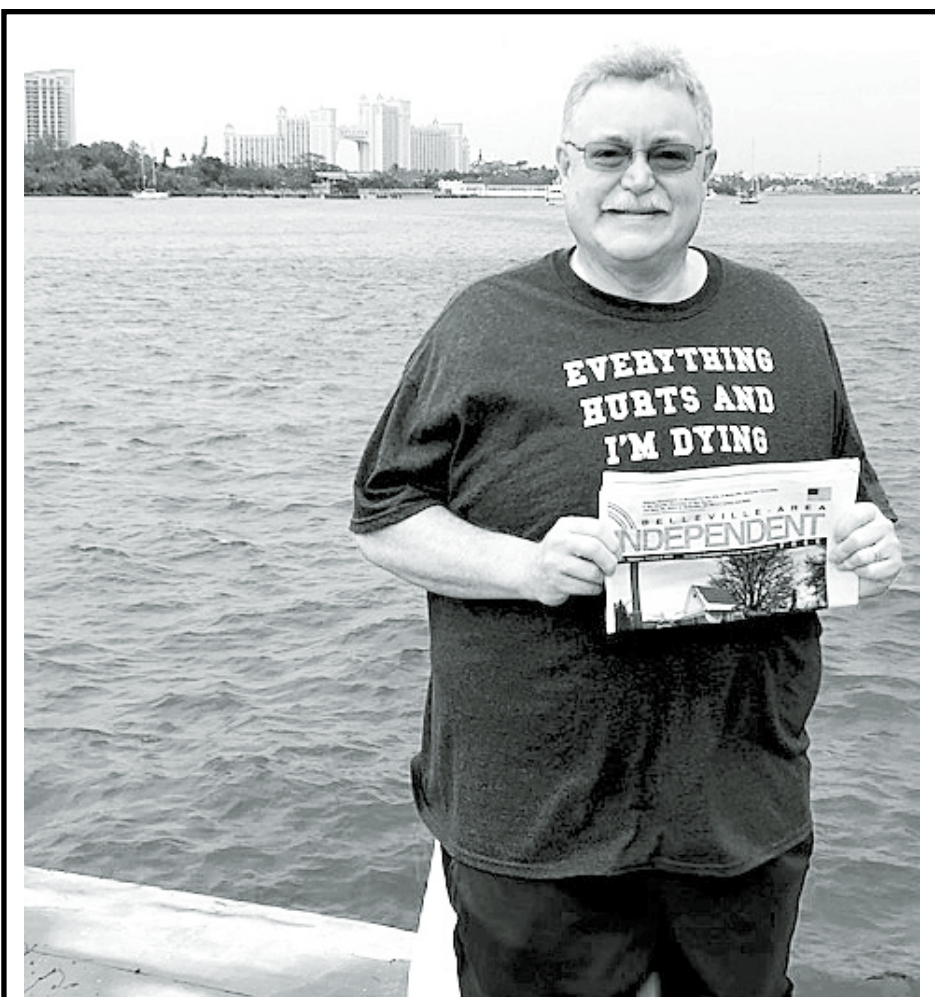
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A copy of the application can be downloaded from the Van Buren Public Schools official website at: www.vanburenschools.net. To get to the application, click on "Menu," "Our District," and then "Distinguished Graduate Program."

The inductions of Distinguished Graduates and BHS National Honor Society members will be held together on Friday, April 17.

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Time: 7:00P.M.- 8:00P.M.

Location: Belleville High School Cafeteria

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Department at 734-699-8921 for more information

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



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The ribbon cutting with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will take place at 4 p.m. Light food and refreshments will be provided. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-1800 for info.

The Independent welcomes Heard & Taylor Family Funeral Home in Detroit to our advertising pages. Heard & Taylor offers cremation services starting at \$295 and funeral services starting at \$3,300. They're located at 1540 West Grand Blvd. Call (313) 895-1950 and ask for Marie Taylor or Pamela Heard.

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The public is invited to attend an open forum for the Iron Belle Trail that is being built throughout the state, from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula, with approximately 2.5 miles of it to run through Van Buren Township and to connect to Ypsilanti to the west. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Belleville High School cafeteria. The township staff and the project's civil engineers, PEA, Inc. will speak and answer questions. For more info call (734) 699-8921 and see their ad in today's paper. Light refreshments will be served.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

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Winners of Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce awards announced at the annual meeting on Saturday were, from left, Mike Dotson representing Wayne County Community College which was named Business of the Year; Ann (Askew) Whitmer, who accepted on behalf of her mother, the late Sandy Askew, and John Juriga, who both won the Ted Kuckelman award; and Steve Jones, who won the Leona Van Buhler award.



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Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Jan. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School. Also, Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m., for the first time in years.

• Tuesday, Jan. 23 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Feb. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m.

• Tuesday, Feb. 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Thursday, Feb. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Feb. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.



Sumpter Township Board CDBG Public Hearing

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Barnes, LaPorte, Oddy. Excused absence: Swinson. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 8 residents.

3. Public Hearing:

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to open the Public Hearing. Public Hearing opened at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried.

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the transfer of CDBG funds (\$20,000.00) from Housing Rehabilitation to Senior Services. Motion carried. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to closed the Public Hearing. Public Hearing closed at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried.

4. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Sumpter Township

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Budd moved, Wright seconded to closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor McNamara announced the Waste Management Landfill Concerns Hotline 877-765-9153 which is staffed 24/7. Residents are encouraged to contact Waste Management with any significant odor and debris concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the 4th amendment to the Great Lakes Water Authority water service contract. Motion Carried. The contract is a five-year renewal for Township purchase of water from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). The only change is the peak hour contract limits “pressure range and minimum flow rates”.

Martin moved, Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1-9-18 (1) a revision to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 82 (Traffic and Vehicles), Sec. 82-2 to include the Motor Carrier Safety Act (MCL 480.11a). Motion Carried. The amendment allows certain motor carrier violations, as set forth in the statute, to be written under local ordinance.

REPORTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The following announcements were made: The Township Administrative offices will be closed Monday January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Waste Management Woodland Meadows landfill is establishing an email list for residents interested in being notified of landfill issues if they arise. Interested residents should contact Kathleen Klein, Community Affairs Representative, at 734-231-8258 to be added to the list.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On January 24, 2018, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KD54Y2WU806856	17-16379
1998	DODGE	2D	1B3ES42Y9WD700676	17-19328
2009	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB57KX91316315	17-19824
2000	FORD	4D	1FAFP3438YW331306	17-20277
2000	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM55S0YG633606	17-21812
2007	CHRYSLER	4D	3A4FY58BX7T539710	17-22263
2007	FORD	4D	3FAHP02187R139491	17-23392
1999	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM50U6XA614181	17-24236
1999	CHEVROLET	PU	2GCEK19T7X1193801	17-24259
2001	TOYOTA	4D	2T1BR12E71C819687	17-25185

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2015	TAO TAO	MP	L9NPEACB4F1001059	17-19965
2007	SUZUKI	4D	KL5JD56Z17K619836	17-20205
1996	GMC	SW	3GKFK16R1TG500852	17-21036
2010	FORD	SW	1FMCU0D74AKD26183	17-21775
1994	DODGE	PU	1B7HC16Y2RS581435	17-21777
2012	MAZDA	4D	JM1BL1UG8C1597829	17-21999
2008	DODGE	SW	2D8HN54P68R777858	17-21334
2000	MERCURY	4D	2MEFM74W8YX617423	17-13995
2002	DODGE	4D	1B3EL36X52N191120	17-22762
2006	CHRYSLER	SW	3A4FY48B66T307999	17-22762
2003	PONTIAC	2D	1G2JB12F037212242	17-21470
1999	FORD	4D	1FAFP6631XK144803	17-21893
2000	NISSAN	4D	JN1CA31D6YT733826	17-22868
2006	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG558X64116620	17-22946
2005	DODGE	SW	2D4GP44L65R585477	17-22522
1996	NISSAN	SW	4N2DN11W0TD815630	17-22776
2006	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG558664234440	17-22057
2004	HONDA	2D	1HGCM81734A001530	17-23533
2000	PLYMOUTH	4D	1P3ES46C0YD727877	17-23725
2008	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58N289240479	17-23880
2007	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1AK55F177245666	17-24089
2000	FORD	SW	3FAFP3136YR210118	17-22514
2003	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U43A113715	17-22658
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP34301W122308	17-22698
2005	FORD	SW	1FMCU95H55KC45890	17-23728
2005	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG528454170997	17-24470
2000	NISSAN	4D	5N1ED28T7YC556056	17-24552
1998	DODGE	4D	1B3ES47Y1WD518561	17-25897
2000	PONTIAC	4D	1G2HX54KXY4222867	16-22356
2002	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3WH52H12F234733	17-9215
2001	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM55S51A639541	17-11841
2004	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WP522141265770	17-16340
2005	FORD	SW	1FMDK06195GA64625	17-18736
2008	SATURN	4D	1G8ZS57N48F113386	17-25398

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Leon Wright, CMC, Van Buren Township Clerk

Published: January 18, 2018

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2018

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, and an audience of seven (7).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Martin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. [Work Study Session minutes of December 18, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of December 19, 2017, Prepaid List of December 21, 2017, Prepaid List of January 4, 2018, Voucher List of January 9 2018, approval of the reappointments of Vera Ireland, Mary Korgal, Patricia Sobecki, Margaret Thompson and Helen Wylie to the September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 15, 2020, and approval of the reappointment of Mike Dotson to the Local Development Financing Authority with a term to expire August 12, 2021]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Budd moved, Miller seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. to receive public comment on the use of program year 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Roll call vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Consultant Sloan presented an overview of the proposed 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocations. Pursuant to federal guidelines the Township proposes the following projects for funding by the Community Development Block Grant program: \$75,581 Public Facilities & Improvements, \$30,000 Demolition, \$21,315 Senior Services and \$14,210 Administration. The final public hearing will be held on February 6, 2018. No public comment was received.



City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

**2000 GMC, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1GKDT13W1Y2372952
1998 ACURA, TWO DOOR, VIN: 19UYA3154WL007246**

**DATE: JANUARY 10, 2018 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
PUBLISH: JANUARY 18, 2018 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111
BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK**

*To build a better world,
start in your own community!*



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 18, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations
Mayor Conley and Council Members took turns presenting awards to the following Holiday Decorating Contest Winners:

Business Category:	Barber Bob's
Mobile Home Parks:	The Morin Family
Victoria Commons:	Ronald & Donna Adkins
Harbour Pointe:	The Sundell Family
Balance of Belleville:	Ken & Kim Dahn (86 Bedell)

Council follow up list	None
Citizen Comments	None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of December 4th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance to Repeal Medical Marihuana Dispensaries and Facilities
Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to hold a public hearing on January 16, 2018 to seek public opinion on repealing the current medical marihuana ordinance that allows dispensaries and facilities in the City of Belleville.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Mayor's Re-appointments and Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 17-099 appointing Laura Nichols to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term ending 12/31/19 and reappointing Randy Priest to the Board of Review; Rosemary Loria and Sabrina Richardson-Williams to the DDA; and Henry Kurczewski, Matt Wagner, and Becky Hasen to the Planning Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. 2018 CDBG Funds

City Manager Kollmeyer stated that CDBG funding was down from \$57,000 last year.

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to hold a public hearing on January 16, 2018 to seek public input on the proposed projects to be funded by the CDBG.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. 2019 SMART Specialized Services Grant
City Manager Kollmeyer stated that the SMART program funding at \$3,651 is the same as last year. Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 17-100 approving the SMART Specialized Services Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for FY2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES
Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-101 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$110,230.13.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS
DPW Director Rick Rutherford reminded citizens that the Mayor calls for a weather emergency when snowfall reaches 4 inches or greater, and that this poses a challenge for plowing when citizens leave their cars on the streets. Please spread the word.

A citizen/veteran expressed disappointment that City Council members do not attend the November 11th/Veterans' Day ceremony. He feels they should give "speeches" to acknowledge veterans. Council Member Fielder responded by stating he would share the citizen's concerns with the local veterans' groups who manage the Nov. 11th event.

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.
Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 17-102 to recess regular meeting and enter Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 8:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: January 3, 2018

Published: January 18, 2018

More Letters

There's a new spa on Belleville's lakefront

To the editor:

There is a new spa in Belleville, right on Main Street's beautiful lakefront property! We will

be providing services like massages, facials, and nail treatments all while overlooking the serene Belleville Lake. These are additional services to the established wellness programs that Puro Wellness Center has been providing to those in need of improvements to their health.

Lisa R. Sullivan, ND
Belleville



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Barnes, LaPorte, Oddy, Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 13 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Agenda.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 6:32 p.m. Comments were received from one (1) person. Ended 6:34 p.m.

5. Old Business:

A. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to amend the Boards action taken on November 28, 2017, approving a resolution to accept the storm water management and maintenance on the property located at 8111 Rawsonville Rd.

Recommended by Township Attorney to TABLE storm water management and maintenance agreement until information is received by Wayne County.

Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to accept recommendation to table storm water management and maintenance agreement until updated resolution has been received by the county.

6. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2017 with the following amendment: TABLE – P. Consider resolution 2017-09 to accept the storm water management and maintenance for Fox Auto Parts. Wayne County permit no. M-49842. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to accept the Planning Commission Minutes of October 12, 2017. Motion carried.

7. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the Warrants totaling \$171,885.21. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, LaPorte, Barnes, P. Morgan, Oddy, J. Morgan and Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve paying bills through the month of December 2017.

8. Water & Sewer Report-P. Morgan: Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

9. Police Report-Luke:

A. Nixle alerts were used during the recent auto thefts.

Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report-Barnes: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report-Januszyk:

A. Chief Januszyk stated they were short staffed at the moment but building the department back up.

B. Wished the Board, residents, Police and Fire a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

12. Treasurer's Report-P. Morgan:

A. Treasurer's Office will be open on Friday, December 29, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

B. Treasurer and Water Department wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

13. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

A. Recognized Collin Lynch of the Sumpter Township Fire Department for his 14 years of outstanding service.

B. Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Community Center.

C. Belleville Museum

D. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor Report. Motion carried.

14. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Under no condition is Sumpter Township ordered to opt in to the MMFLA as a result from the Po cases. Sumpter Township won the case and all lawsuits were dismissed with prejudices.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Attorney Report. Motion carried.

15. Board Response:

A. Supervisor Morgan thanked the Police Department

B. Trustee LaPorte thanked Attorney Young

16. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the recommendation to opt out of Act 152. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve one (1) new street light on existing wood pole on the corner of Elwell Rd and Executive Dr. at a cost of \$893.51. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve resolution 2017-10 to amend employees' retirement and trust agreement. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve re-appointment of Ken Bednark to Zoning Board of Appeals with term to expire 12/17/2020. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve the demolition of 42855 Willow Rd., 18367 Savage Rd. and 43936 Willow Rd. at a cost of \$45,600.00 to Jack Bush Contracting, using CDBG funds. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve hiring Elizabeth Blackburn as a firefighter. Motion carried.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve hiring Barton Wade Devos Jr. as a police officer, contingent upon successful completion of physical and psychological exam; drug screening. Motion carried.

17. Announcements:

A. Treasurer Morgan expressed her gratitude to Maryann Watson for the remarkable job on Sumpter Township Senior's Christmas party.

18. Open Floor:

19. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on December 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Published: January 18, 2018

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 512 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Jan. 7:

0149 -- property damage accident, Hoeft/Martz
0420 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Independence Ln.

0441 -- domestic, Wildflower Ct.
0449 -- disorderly, S. Bellridge Dr.
1659 -- noise complaint, Maple Dr.
1937 -- lake complaint, North Shore Dr.
2038 -- PPO violation, S. Bellridge Dr.

Monday, Jan. 8:

0351 -- larceny, Denton Rd.
0636 -- larceny, Jeremy Rd.
0808 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

0826 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.

1042 -- property damage accident, Hamilton St.
1132 -- personal injury accident, Ecorse/Denton
1228 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon/Ecorse
1253 -- private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.

1419 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1457 -- lost property/child, Vernon St.
1633 -- property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

1740 -- property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Wildbrook Dr.

1758 -- property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1838 -- 911 welfare check, Robson Rd.
2014 -- property damage accident, Preswick Ct.
2128 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 9:

0547 -- personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Bog
0606 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

0827 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Snow Rd.

0840 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
0848 -- assist citizen, Carmell
0857 -- property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
0943 -- personal injury accident, Bemis Rd.
1028 -- larceny, Edison Lake
1052 -- harassment call, Landmark
1223 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.

1323 -- abandoned auto, Denton Rd.
1439 -- disorderly, Brandi Dr.
1512 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / W. Schooner Dr.

1512 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1722 -- fraud, Deanna Dr.
1811 -- family trouble, Belleville Rd.
1822 -- abandoned auto, Sheldon Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1852 -- juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
2008 -- domestic, Lake Pointe Blvd.
2103 -- suicidal person, Country Walk Ct.
2336 -- family trouble, Fairbanks St.

Wednesday, Jan. 10:

0019 -- suicidal person, Filmore St.
0211 -- family trouble, S. Purple Sage Ct.
0241 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
0849 -- property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
0901 -- property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
0905 -- property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
0905 -- property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
0924 -- family trouble, Peachtree Ln.

0945 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

0945 -- property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.

0956 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

1149 -- private property impound, Rawsonville Rd.
1203 -- abandoned auto, Sheldon Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1233 -- property damage accident, WB I-94 / Jackson Rd.

1355 -- private property/property damage accident, E. Schooner Dr.

1427 -- narcotics crime, Red Oak Dr.
1520 -- assist other dept., Village Center Dr.

1538 -- family trouble, Peachtree Ln.
1613 -- abandoned auto, Michigan Ave.

1740 -- property damage accident, Elwell/Bemis

1808 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.

1848 -- harassment call, E. Archwood Dr.

2016 -- fraud, Linda Vista Ct.

2252 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

2352 -- assault & battery, Brandi Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 11:

0343 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

0913 -- property damage accident, Haggerty

1046 -- ordinance violation, Savage Rd.

1136 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1500 -- fraud, Castell

1708 -- threat, Hardwood Dr.

1747 -- fraud, Ormond Dr.

1913 -- family trouble, Parkwood Dr.

2131 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

2151 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St. / Vernon St.

2213 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.

Friday, Jan. 12:

0138 -- suicidal person, W. Archwood Dr.

0517 -- 911 welfare check, Old Michigan Rd.

1028 -- civil matter, Hardwood Dr.

1038 -- animal complaint, Belleville Lake

1135 -- mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1519 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.

1526 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.

1621 -- road hazard, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.

1629 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1635 -- operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.

1748 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.

1802 -- personal injury accident, Tyler/I-275

2016 -- domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.

2048 -- family trouble, S. Woodbury Dr.

2207 -- family trouble, Lake Point Blvd.

2223 -- malicious destruction of property, W. Walden Dr.

2346 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

2350 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 13:

0031 -- domestic, Elwell Rd.

0134 -- civil matter, W. Huron River Dr.

0454 -- disorderly, Parkwood

0833 -- juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0933 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.

1002 -- PPO violation, S. Bellridge Dr.

1305 -- property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

1334 -- domestic, Van Buren St.

1357 -- malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr.

1416 -- found property/child, E. Archwood Dr.

1725 -- civil matter, Redwood

1744 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

1750 -- overdose/Belleville, Victoria St.

1851 -- found property/child, N. Ponderosa Trl.

1931 -- road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk

2256 -- assist other dept., Belleville Rd. / Harmony

Also on this week's log are 157 traffic stops, with 38 of those being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 7:

0139 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

0217 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

0359 -- civil matter, Henry St.

0903 -- assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.

1736 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe St.

1804 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1851 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.

1859 -- assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

1942 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.

2003 -- harassment call, Carmell St.

2106 -- intrusion alarm, South St.

2227 -- family trouble, Carmell St.

2340 -- warrant arrest, Ford Rd.

Monday, Jan. 8:

0049 -- welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

0130 -- miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia

1544 -- intrusion alarm, Madelon St.

1550 -- assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

1713 -- motorist assist, Hillside Cemetery

1902 -- road hazard, E. Columbia/Savage Rd.

2105 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

2304 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 9:

0842 -- domestic, Carmell St.

1433 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main/Third

1522 -- follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.

1752 -- parking complaint, Victorian Ln.

Wednesday, Jan. 10:

0845 -- property damage accident, South St. / E. Columbia Ave.

0915 -- property damage accident, Main/Third

1027 -- assist fire dept., San Carlos St.

1109 -- welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr.

1250 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

2145 -- warrant arrest, Haggerty

Thursday, Jan. 11:

0015 -- traffic offense, South/Wabash

0802 -- welfare check, South St./Main St.

0914 -- court detail, Second St.

1104 -- disorderly, W. Davis St.

1136 -- assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.

1528 -- assist other dept., Main St./Denton Rd.

1538 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.

1547 -- intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.

1619 -- follow up by officer, Harbour Pointe Dr.

2321 -- assist fire dept., Loza Ln.

Friday, Jan. 12:

0855 -- assist fire dept., Bedell St.

0921 -- intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

1632 -- intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

1849 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.

2012 -- suicidal person, Carmell St.

2313 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Saturday, Jan. 13:

1034 -- road hazard, Main St./N. Liberty

1103 -- miscellaneous complaint, Sumpter Rd.

1111 -- civil matter, Main St.

1318 -- welfare check, Sumpter Rd.

1355 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.

1932 -- motorist assist, Belleville Bridge Rd.

2045 -- suicidal person, Carmell St.

Also on this week's log are 44 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 7:

0115 -- assist other agency, out of township

0353 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

0454 -- fire dept. assist, Hampshire

0624 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

0752 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

0852 -- animal complaint, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.

0940 -- reckless driver, Rawsonville/Willis

1053 -- 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.

1746 -- fire dept. assist, Hampshire

1825 -- disorderly person, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1829 -- traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willis

2156 -- 911 hang up, Greenmeadow

2329 -- assist other agency, 19000 bl. Savage Rd.

Monday, Jan. 8:

0425 -- fire dept. assist, New Mexico

0821 -- fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0917 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.

0925 -- animal complaint, Willow/Martinsville

1229 -- subpoena service, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

1347 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1410 -- fire dept. assist, Timberlane

1445 -- animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1546 -- disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

1825 -- traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willow

1938 -- citizen assist, Bemis/Rawsonville

2100 -- assault, Edgewood

2212 -- fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2242 -- citizen assist, Bemis/Rawsonville

Tuesday, Jan. 9:

0715 -- property damage accident, Judd / Martinsville

0749 -- personal injury accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0820 -- suspicious incident, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0930 -- subpoena service, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1244 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1445 -- fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

1531 -- well-being check, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 10:

0700 -- property damage accident, Savage/Bemis

1158 -- alarm, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1224 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

1257 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

1301 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1402 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township

1416 -- citizen assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.

1456 -- death investigation, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.

1807 -- alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2225 -- neighbor dispute, Country Club Blvd.

Thursday, Jan. 11:

1041 -- 911 hang up, Arkona/Haggerty

1045 -- trespassing complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter

1129 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1344 -- citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1512 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1620 -- well-being check, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1730 -- civil dispute, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1821 -- civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1929 -- identity theft, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, Jan. 12:

0250 -- disorderly person, Hampshire

0315 -- suspicious person, Hampshire

0331 -- fire dept. assist, Hampshire

0838 -- death investigation, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1100 -- well-being check, New Mexico

1234 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1246 -- reckless driver, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1413 -- civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1506 -- fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1658 -- civil dispute, Nevada

1755 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1815 -- personal injury accident, Willis/Sumpter

2157 -- assist other agency, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 13:

0013 -- suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1212 -- assist other agency, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1253 -- fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

1531 -- 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.

1546 -- civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

2314 -- violation of park rules, 24000 bl. Sumpter

Also on this week's log are 15 follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 83 patrol checks, and 35 traffic stops.

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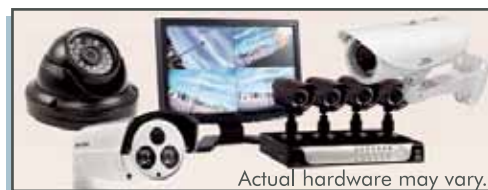
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• **Monday, Jan. 22** – Meet with State Rep. Joseph Bellino, R-Monroe, at his monthly coffee hours today: 8-9 a.m. at Senor Cactus, 128 E. Front St., Monroe;

9:30-10:30 a.m. at Biggby, 26614 Telegraph Rd., Flat Rock; and 11 a.m. to noon at the Sumpter Township Senior Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd. Appointments are not necessary.

• **Thursday, Jan. 25** – You are invited to the ribbon-cutting and open house for Coldwell Banker Professionals, Belleville office, 309 Main Street, 3-7 p.m., with the ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. Light food and beverages provided.

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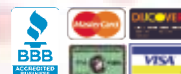
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